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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed March 16, 2021

United States Bankruptcy Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,¹	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	Adversary Proceeding No.
vs.	§	
	§	21-03005-sgj
NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	
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ORDER APPROVING AMENDED STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULING ORDER

Upon consideration of the Amended Stipulation and Proposed Scheduling Order [Docket

¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

No. 9] (the "<u>Stipulation</u>")² by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), and NexPoint Advisors, L.P. ("<u>NPA</u>", and together with the Debtor, the "<u>Parties</u>"), it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is **APPROVED**.
- 2. The Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
- 3. With respect to the Adversary Proceeding, the Parties shall abide by the following pretrial schedule (the "<u>Joint Pretrial Schedule</u>") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

Joint Pretrial Schedule			
Event	<u>Deadline</u>		
Service of Written Discovery Requests	March 31, 2021		
Service of Written Responses to Discovery	May 7, 2021		
3. Completion of Fact Discovery	May 28, 2021		
4. Expert Disclosures	June 10, 2021		
5. Completion of Expert Discovery	June 25, 2021		
6. Dispositive Motions	June 25, 2021		
7. Exhibit and Witness Lists	July 26, 2021		
8. Joint Pretrial Order	August 2, 2021		
9. Proposed Findings of Fact and	August 2, 2021		
Conclusions of Law			
10. Trial Docket Call	August 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. (CT)		

- 4. The Joint Pretrial Schedule set forth in this Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.
- 5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Order, subject to any objection to the Court's

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² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

###End of Order###

EXHIBIT A

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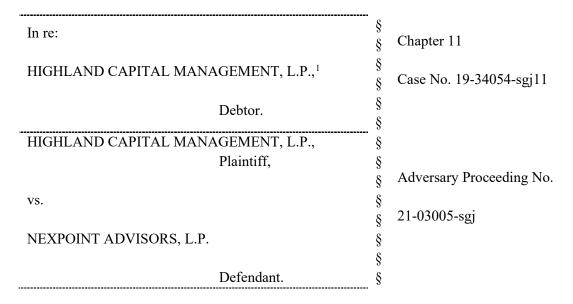
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AMENDED STIPULATION AND PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

This amended stipulation (the "<u>Stipulation</u>") is made and entered into by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), and NexPoint Advisors, L.P. ("<u>NPA</u>" or "<u>Defendant</u>", and together with the Debtor, the "<u>Parties</u>"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Delaware Court");

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Debtor's bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case") to this Court;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the Debtor commenced the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding") against NPA by filing its complaint [Docket No. 1]² (the "Complaint");

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the Court issued its *Order Regarding Adversary Proceedings Trial Setting and Alternative Scheduling Order* [Docket No. 3] (the "<u>Alternative</u>

<u>Scheduling Order</u>");

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2021, NPA filed its answer to the Debtor's Complaint [Docket No. 6] (the "Answer");

WHEREAS, the Parties have conferred and desire to enter into a mutually agreeable proposed schedule, as specifically set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, and upon approval of this

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² Refers to the docket number maintained in the Adversary Proceeding.

Stipulation by the Court, it shall be SO ORDERED:

1. The Parties agree to the following schedule (the "<u>Proposed Joint Scheduling</u> Order") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

Proposed Joint Scheduling Order			
Event	<u>Deadline</u>		
Service of Written Discovery Requests	March 31, 2021		
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- 2. If approved by the Court, the Proposed Joint Scheduling Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.
- 3. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Stipulation, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

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Dated: March 9, 2021.

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